

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 27, 2006
Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; CHIEF LEE WHEELER, DEPUTY CHIEF LARRY RUDE, DEPUTY CHIEF ART LARSON, and FIRE MARSHAL/BATTALION CHIEF STAN ENGLER, Fire Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Fire: Employee Recognition

Fire Chief Lee Wheeler and Deputy Chief Larry Rude announced that Chaplain Al Folmar, Battalion Chief Mike Moeller, Captain John Lecoq, and Secretary Kelly Williams were each selected as the ATP (Administrative/Training/Prevention divisions) Person of the Quarter in 2005.

Chief Wheeler and Deputy Chief Rude also announced that former Firefighter Noah Katka, Temporary Lieutenant Paul Harm, Firefighter Jake Lazenby, and Lieutenant Karl Rufener were each named as Firefighter of the Quarter for 2005. Chief Wheeler presented Firefighter Jake Lazenby with the 2005 Firefighter of the Year Award.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ Because of the increasing number of calls, the City's Utility Billing Division will begin using a new system on February 27th to streamline payment of City utility bills with credit cards or directly from customers' bank accounts. The change represents the first steps of implementing a phone tree with an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system within the Utility Billing Division. Other features that will be added to the IVR system include a direct transfer to Waste Management for solid waste collection concerns and information regarding utility billing office hours.
- ✱ The City has been awarded two 2004-2006 Statewide Transportation Enhancement grants for Renton projects. The first project, Renton Bicycle Route Connection Plan, received a \$100,000 grant, and the second project, Lake Washington Trail South Lake Connector, received a \$500,000 grant for planning and engineering.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Hansen -
Noise Complaint, Arbors
Apartment Complex

John A. Hansen, 1108 Anacortes Ave. NE, Renton, 98059, spoke on the topic of the noise issues at the Arbors apartment complex. Mr. Hansen stated that Ordinance 5196 has been adopted, which he was told will enable the City to enforce these chronic noise disturbances, and he asked when the ordinance goes into effect. Mr. Hansen also inquired if affected residents should continue to call 911, or call another number at the City to report the noise disturbances.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington indicated that residents can continue to call 911 to report noise disturbances. Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman stated that he will check on the effective date of the nuisance ordinance, and noted that once the ordinance is in effect, the City will investigate the noise issues with the newly revised nuisance ordinance. Mr. Zimmerman suggested that residents call 911, for example, when a very loud noise occurs during the night. He reported that another option is to call the City's code compliance number.

Citizen Comment: Petersen -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, requested that the correspondence Council has been receiving regarding the Highlands area redevelopment be recognized under the correspondence portion of the agenda, or at least be given Council's sincere consideration. She asked that Highlands area residents be able to determine how their property is going to be improved; and that the City lift the Highlands Sub-Area Plan Study Area moratorium, work directly with the residents and the landlords, and use the new nuisance abatement ordinance. Ms. Petersen pointed out that residents do want to see the Highlands area cleaned up, but as a "bottom-up" effort. (See page 49 for further discussion on this matter.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
2/13/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 2/13/2006. Council concur.

Appointment: Advisory
Commission on Diversity

Mayor Keolker reappointed Antonio Cube, Sr., Sandel DeMastus, Vern Nichols, Charles Thomas, and Lari White, each to the Advisory Commission on Diversity (formerly Human Rights and Affairs Commission) for a term that expires 12/31/2006. Council concur.

Appointment: Municipal Arts
Commission

Mayor Keolker appointed Roosevelt Lewis, 358 Seneca Ave. NW, Renton, 98055, to the Municipal Arts Commission for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2008. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 05-052, Gene Coulon
Park Boat Launch Repair,
Global Diving & Salvage

Community Services Department submitted CAG-05-052, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park Boat Launch Repair; and requested approval of the project, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$7,496.33 to Global Diving & Salvage, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Plat: Laurelhurst Division 2,
Duvall Ave NE, Release of
Easement, Conner Homes
Vacation

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Laurelhurst Division 2 Final Plat; 66 single-family lots on 13.1 acres located on the east side of Duvall Ave. NE and the south side of NE 2nd St. (FP-05-135). Approval was also sought to release the utilities easement obtained as part of the Conner Homes vacation (VAC-04-001). Council concur. (See page 48 for resolution approving the final plat.)

CAG: 05-031, Central
Business District Utility
Replacement, Americon

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-05-031, Central Business District Utility Replacement; and requested termination of the contract with Americon, Inc. for failure to prosecute the work within the original working days, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$2,195.60, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$29,120.04 if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Utility: Annual Consultant
Roster, Photogrammetry
Services

Utility Systems Division requested approval of the annual roster listing five firms to provide photogrammetry services in 2006, with the option of extending the roster annually in 2007 and 2008 upon department administrator approval. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 245707 - 246131 and one wire transfer totaling \$1,611,410.52; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 62049 - 62470, one wire transfer, and 602 direct deposits totaling \$2,348,802.68. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Council: Contracting
Authority Policy, #800-12

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of a new Council policy, #800-12, entitled Contracting Authority, for the purpose of establishing the City Council's policy on contracting, and delegating certain contracting authority to the Administration. The Committee further recommended that the Council President be authorized to sign the policy. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

EDNSP: Multi-Family
Housing Property Tax
Exemption, Bristol II at
Southport

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a multi-family housing property tax exemption agreement that addresses the terms and conditions for a partial property tax exemption upon completion of the Bristol II at Southport project. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement in substantially the same form. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Oversizing
Reimbursement for Sewer
Line for Shamrock Plat,
CamWest Development

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the request for oversizing, utilizing the method of cost reimbursement developed by the staff and the developer, for the additional work associated with wastewater improvements at the Plat of Shamrock by CamWest Development, Inc. The Committee further recommended that staff be authorized to reimburse CamWest Development, Inc., the requested \$4,474.60, which represents the final costs for oversizing. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3792

Plat: Laurelhurst Division 2,
Duvall Ave NE, FP-05-135

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read approving the Laurelhurst Division 2 Final Plat; approximately 13.1 acres located at the east side of Duvall Ave. NE and south of NE 2nd St. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Streets: Park Ave N Closure,
South Lake Washington
Roadway Improvements

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary total street closure of Park Ave. N., from N. 6th St. to Garden Ave. N., from 7/1/2006 to 7/31/2007. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED. (See page 49 for additional action on this matter.)

NEW BUSINESS

Council: Correspondence,
Highlands Area
Redevelopment

In response to Council President Corman's inquiry, Mayor Keolker explained that according to the Council Correspondence and Agenda policy, which went into effect on 12/8/2003, correspondence is listed on the Council meeting agenda when requested by a Councilmember, or when it is related to a public hearing or meeting, legislative action, or another item that is on the agenda. She stated that general correspondence received by Council during the week is not put on the agenda unless a Councilmember requests it specifically. Mayor Keolker pointed out that correspondence does not need to be read in its entirety at a City Council meeting, and can be summarized. City Clerk Bonnie Walton noted that there is a deadline for inclusion of correspondence on the agenda.

Referring to the Highlands area redevelopment related correspondence mentioned during audience comment, Mr. Corman indicated that Council has not yet discussed the redevelopment issue at any length, and anticipates beginning discussion on the matter at the Council retreat in March.

School District: Activities

Councilmember Nelson reviewed Renton School District announcements and activities. Items included: the undefeated season of the Renton High School boys basketball team who took the Seamount League King Division title; the Adopt-a-School penny drive at Sierra Heights Elementary School that resulted in the collection of more than \$1,300 for books and supplies for schools in the Amazon rainforest of Peru; and the awards won at a regional competition by Lindbergh High School students enrolled in the Future Business Leaders of America program.

Streets: Park Ave N Closure,
South Lake Washington
Roadway Improvements

Assistant City Attorney Zanetta Fontes noted that adoption of the resolution regarding the temporary closure of Park Ave. N. was done prematurely, as the item has not yet been reported out of Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL
RECONSIDER THE MOTION ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION THAT
AUTHORIZES THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PARK AVE. N.
CARRIED.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL PLACE
THIS ITEM BACK INTO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION)
COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
February 27, 2006